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INDEPENDENT DIARIO OF LA PAZ ON SUNDAY (APRIL 10) NOTED
DISCUSSION IN THE US CONGRESS OF MEASURES TO CONDITION ACTION
BY AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL
ORGANIZATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS OVSERVANCE BY BORROWING NATIONS.
THE PAPER WARNED THAT "INTRANSIGENCE" ON THE PART OF SOME CONGRESS-
MEN "RUNS A SERIOUS RISK OF INTRUDING....INTO THE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES....THERE IS A LIMIT NOT TO BE
EXCEEDED AND EXCESS ZEAL COULD LEAD TO MISUNDERSTANDINGS
WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SURELY DOES NOT SEEK.

"NO ONE OBJECTS TO THIS CAMPAIGN IN DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS...
(BUT) IF THE AIM IS TO ESTABLISH A GOOD PRECEDENT, HASTY
ACTION MUST BE AVOIDED, AS WELL AS ANYTHING THAT HAS A
THREATENING TONE, HOWEVER, VEILED, FOR THAT IS ALWAYS
COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

"NO COUNTRY JEALOUS OF ITS DIGNITY CAN ACCEPT INTIMIDATION.
THE CONGRESSMEN UP NORTH MUST NOT LET THEMSELVES BE BLINDED
BY THEIR PURITAN ZEAL. THEY HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO MOVE
WITH THE GREATEST SERENITY TO MAKE SURE THEIR DEFENSE OF
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HUMAN RIGHTS IS NOT CONVERTED INTO A DOUBLE-EDGED WEAPON".

CONSERVATIVE CATHOLIC PRESENCIA ON SUNDAY RAN AN EFE AGENCY
ARTICLE BYLINED JUAN MARTIN DE LA CRUZ ASSERTING THAT "AN
AIR OF LIBERATION" WAS COURSING THROUGH MANY LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES TODAY. "IN BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, CHILE, URUGUAY
AND OTHERS, INSTEAD OF A CERTAIN WORRY OVER THE LOOSENING

OF THEIR COMMERCIAL TIES WITH THE U.S., THERE IS IN ECONOMIC
AND COMMERCIAL CIRCLES, IF NOT AMONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS...
A KIND OF JOY, THAT PRIVATE JOY THAT MEN FEEL WHEN THEY FREE
THEMSELVES OF A DEBT OF DEPENDENCY, IN THIS CASE COMMERCIAL
AND ECONOMIC...."

THE WRITER SAW EVIDENCE THAT FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, AND SPAIN
WERE ALREADY MOVING IN TO FILL ANY TRADE AND ARMS SUPPLY
VACUUM LEFT BY U.S. ACTION IN PURSUIT OF ITS HUMAN RIGHTS
POLICY. HE SUGGESTED THAT "YANKEE IMPERIALISM APPEARS TO
BE ON THE RISE, AIMING TO DOMINATE OTHERS BEHIND THE SCREEN
OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS 'SLOGAN'," BUT CONCLUDED THAT "THE US IS
FORGING THE TOTAL UNION OF LATIN AMERICA AGAINST ITSELF AND
FOR THE GOOD OF ALL HISPANIC AMERICA, WHICH IS NOW BEGINNING
A NEW PHASE OF ITS ECONOMIC LIBERATION." ENDIT
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